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1. AS PART OF LARGE MEETING TO FIRM UP VISIT DETAILS, EMBOFF MET TODAY WITH ARMENDARIZ (FOREIGN RELATIONS) AND REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERESTED GOM AGENCIES ON SUBJECT OF WORKING GROUP AGENDA. IN GENERAL, MEXICAN SIDE AGREED WITH AGENDA REFTEL A, BUT WITH A FEW ADDITIONS AND SUBTRACTIONS. FOLLOWING IS WHAT THEY PROPOSED.

2. THEY WOULD LIKE THE AGENDA TO BE ORGANIZED INTO THREE GENERAL THEMES: TRADE, RESOURCES FOR MEXICAN DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM. UNDER TRADE THEY WOULD DISCUSS MTN, GSP, TEXTILES, ACCESS TO U.S. MARKET FOR MEXICAN PRODUCTS, AND EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE STABLE WORLD MARKET FOR COFFEE. AS REPORTED, MEXICANS DISINCLINED DISCUSS TROPICAL PRODUCTS AGREEMENT. (PRESUMABLY U.S. SIDE WILL WISH TO.) UNDER HEADING "RESOURCES FOR MEXICAN DEVELOPMENT" THEY WOULD LIKE INITIALLY TO HAVE BRIEF PRESENTATION ON STATE OF EACH COUNTRY'S ECONOMY AND THEN FOLLOW WITH DISCUSSION OF IFI LENDING AND LENDING LIMIT OF U.S. BANKS. GOM SIDE FELT THAT DISCUSSION OF MEXICAN STABILIZATION SITUATION
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WITHOUT REFERRING TO U.S. ECONOMY WAS TOO ONE-SIDED AND MADE IT LOOK AS IF MEXICO WAS SOMEHOW ON TRIAL. UNDER TOURISM THEY WOULD DISCUSS THE SUBJECT IN GENERAL TERMS AND ALSO TAKE UP CIVIL AIR TOPICS. THEY FELT THAT SINCE THE TOURISM AGREEMENT WAS TO BE SIGNED THERE WAS NOTHING TO DISCUSS.

3. THEY WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO TALK ABOUT ENERGY IF THERE WAS ANYTHING NEW TO DISCUSS OR WE WISHED TO TAKE UP ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES. HOWEVER, AS REPORTED REFTEL, THEY THOUGHT THAT GAS SHOULD BE TAKEN UP AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL. WE DON'T DETECT MUCH ENTHUSIASM FOR THE ENERGY SUBJECT ON THEIR SIDE AND SUGGEST WE DROP IT; IT DOES NOT SEEM TO EMBASSY TO BE USEFUL TO SPEND TIME OF TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DISCUSSING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES.

4. AS ARMENDARIZ AND COOPER WILL BE MEETING TONIGHT TO DISCUSS COMMON FUND, SUGGEST WE DROP IT FROM WORKING GROUP AGENDA. MEXICANS AGREE. GOM SIDE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS CODE OF CONDUCT, BUT SUGGESTED THAT IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE FORMATION OF JOINT BODY TO DISCUSS CORRUPT PRACTICES THAT "CORRUPT PRACTICES AND ILLICIT PAYMENTS" SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE TOPIC.

5. MEETING CONFIRMED THAT DE LA VEGA AND GARCIA SAINZ WOULD HEAD MEXICAN DELEGATION.

6. GOM VIEWS ON AGENDA ARE JUST ABOUT WHAT WE REPORTED REFTEL B ONLY THIS TIME THEY ARE COORDINATED AND WE CAN TAKE THEM AS OFFICIAL. FINAL MEETING ON AGENDA SCHEDULED FOR ELEVEN A.M. TUESDAY, MAY 2. WE TRUST WE WILL HAVE DEPARTMENT'S REACTIONS TO THIS AND REFTEL B IN TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN SCHEDULED FINAL MEETING.
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7. MEXICANS ALSO WANTED CHANGES IN JOINT REPORT WHICH BEING REPORTED SEPTEL. LUCEY

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